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## HIGHLIGHTS

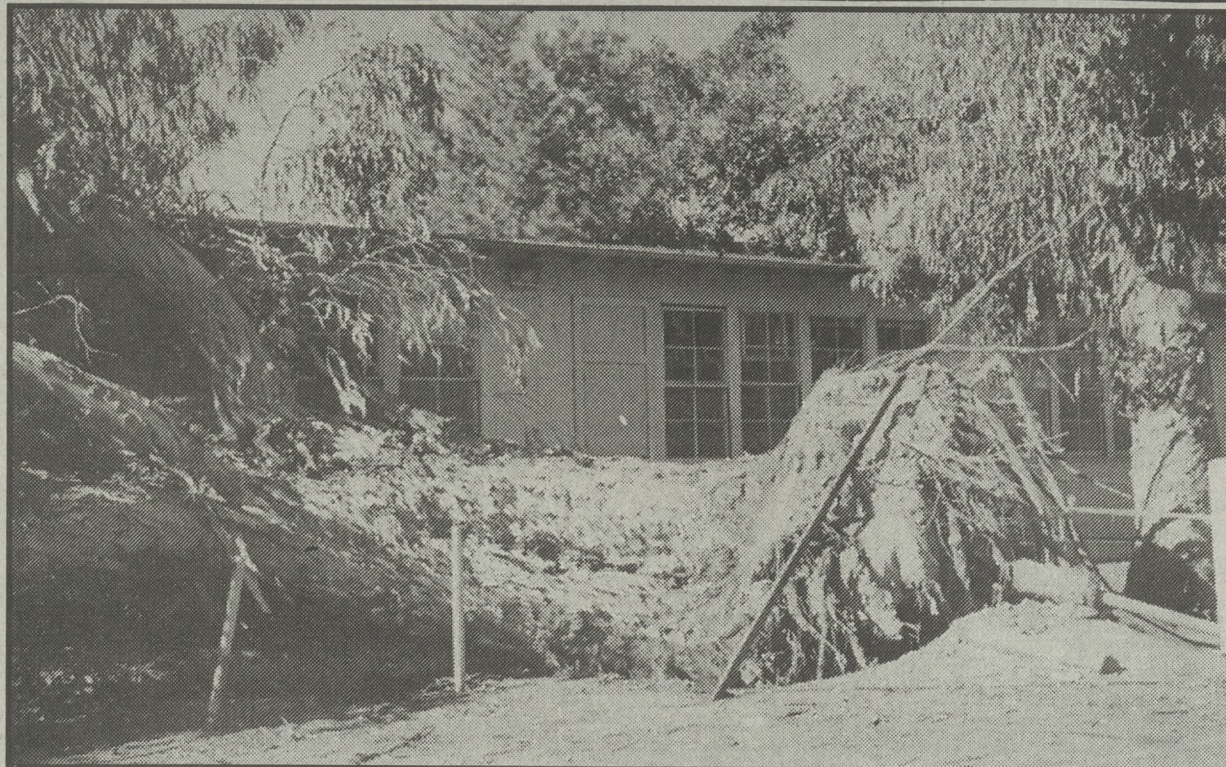
A memorial service was held for former Los Angeles College President Alice Thurston Jan. 5. Thurston, who was president from 1975 to 1981, died November of a heart attack.

The Feinstein Foundation "Enriching America" Program is offering \$200,000 in cash awards this year to students for community service projects of their own choosing. For more information, visit the Student Services office in CC-100A. The deadline for application is April 1.

The Valley Symphony Orchestra is celebrating composer Franz Schubert's 200th birthday. Conductor Robert Chauls and members of the orchestra will perform Schubert's music Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. For tickets, call the Valley Symphony at (818) 781-1200, ext. 346. General admission is \$10. Student/senior admission is \$7.

The Valley College Astronomy Club will present "The Wanderers," a multi-media planetarium show at the Valley College Planetarium Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. For tickets, call (818) 778-0335. Adult admission is \$3.50. Students and seniors \$2.50. Children \$2.

Valley College welcomes Marvin Zuckerman as the new Acting Dean of Academic Affairs. Zuckerman was chairman of the English department where he served for 14 years.



Ancient eucalyptus tree survived 100 years before being toppled in last week's windstorm.

## Gone with the Wind

### Storm Crashes 100-Year Old Tree

By LINDA E. THOMAS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A violent windstorm whipped through the LAVC campus last week, downing trees, electrical poles and live power lines which caused thousands of dollars in damage to college and city property.

At approximately 9:45 a.m. Jan. 6, 70 m.p.h. twister-force winds uprooted and felled a huge 100-year-old eucalyptus tree in Lot H on the south side of campus.

The colossal tree crashed across the lot and the width of Burbank Boulevard blocking traffic. The giant tree trashed everything in its path as it pulled down sister trees and skimmed the corner of Bungalow No. 1.

Electrical poles on Burbank

Boulevard snapped like match sticks when the falling trees forced power and communication lines down.

Live power cables surging 35,000 volts were strewn like spaghetti across Burbank Boulevard and campus sidewalks which threatened extreme fire and electrical hazards, police said.

"This is a major disaster area as far as this block is concerned," Valley College Police Officer Michael Habicht said.

Police attempted to secure the south side of the campus and Burbank Boulevard between Fulton Street and Coldwater Canyon with police tape and barricades, which were constantly blown down by forceful winds.

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic were rerouted and Burbank Boulevard residences and businesses

on the block were evacuated. Other live power lines dangerously hung by threads and downed lines sparked and snaked in the street.

Campus gardeners were working nearby when the incident occurred.

"I think we're very fortunate nobody was hurt or killed," Valley College Police Officer Spence Gosenson said.

All campus power went out immediately with the exception of a few bungalows fed by separate power lines.

"I know that there are several students that have cars parked on Burbank Boulevard that have hot wires on their cars. One car is completely buried by the tree," Habicht said the day of the incident.

Six vehicles were reported damaged, at least four of which be-



Fallen 35,000 volt live power cables sprawl on Burbank Boulevard.



A DWP worker prepares to replace a snapped power pole.

longed to Valley College students. Valley student Anita Stansberry's Oldsmobile was covered by the massive branches of the tree and sustained major dam-

age to the rear of the vehicle. "At first, I didn't even know it was my car. I'm just happy I was not in there," Stansberry said. See WINDSTORM Page 2

## SPORTS VIEW

The Men's Monarch Basketball team will be playing Cuesta at Valley Jan. 18, Santa Monica at Valley Jan. 22, West L.A. at West L.A. Jan. 25 and Glendale at Valley Jan. 29.

The Lady Monarch Basketball team will be playing Pierce at Valley Jan. 17, Cuesta at Valley Jan. 18, Santa Monica at Valley Jan. 22, West L.A. at West L.A. Jan. 25 and Glendale at Valley Jan. 29.

## POLICE WATCH

Campus police are allowing a two-week grace period concerning parking permits to give students enough time to obtain a Spring parking permit. Beginning Monday, Jan. 27th, parking will be strictly enforced.

On Jan. 4th a burglary to a vehicle in parking lot E occurred between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. There was \$150 in damages to the vehicle and in \$300 in losses of a radio and speakers.

On Jan. 5th a burglary to a vehicle in parking lot G occurred between 8-9 a.m. Total loss was \$1,870.00 in damages, including \$175 damage to the vehicle.

Police Watch information is provided by Campus Police.



Valley College President Tyree Wieder

## Senior Staff Plans Spring '97 Semester

By LINDA E. THOMAS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Valley College President Tyree Wieder, along with the rest of the Senior Staff, is hitting the ground running this month with plans for the Spring '97 semester.

The Senior Staff of Valley College consists of President Tyree Wieder, Vice President of Academic Affairs A. Susan Carleo, Vice President of Administration Mary Ann Breckell and Dean of Student Services Yasmin Delahoussaye.

"It's really sort of a four-part pie," Wieder said.

The four parts concern academic affairs, business and maintenance, student services and the president's office.

"I'm concentrating on working with expanding the college foundation, working to get the community here on campus and, as always, improving our publicity about the campus, so that people know some of the many things that we do," Wieder said.

The college president oversees the other three areas of the "four-part pie" as well as works with the college district and community.

"I want the community to take

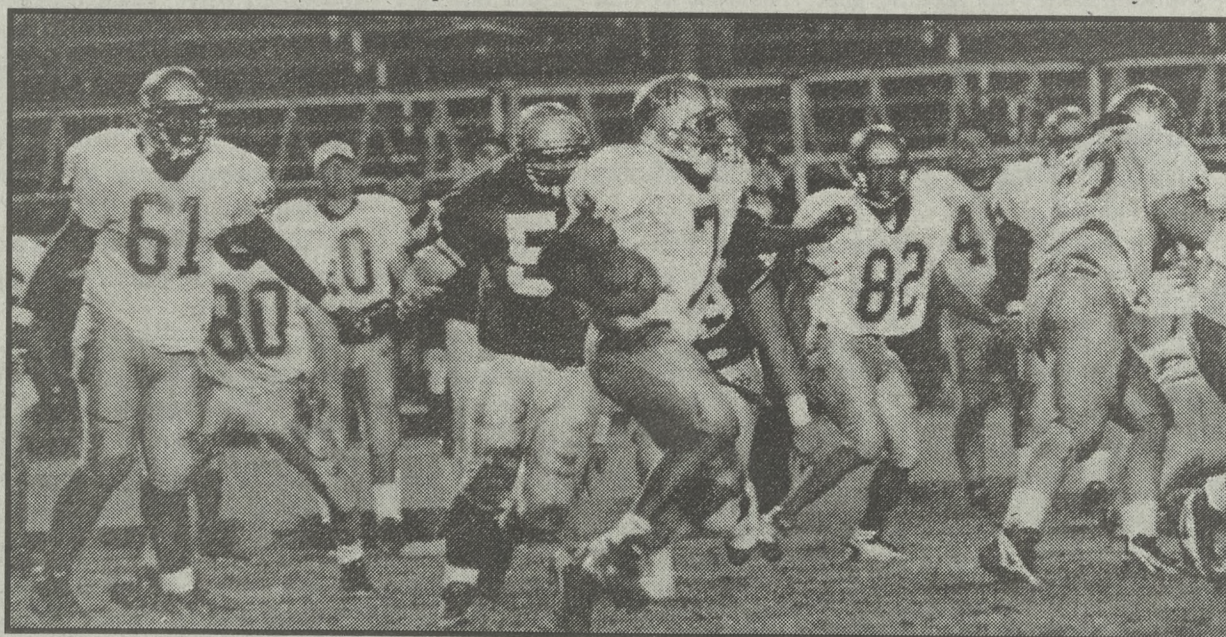
advantage of our musical programs, our theater programs, to come over and take more advantage of our community services offerings, our extension program and especially our general college program," Wieder said.

Mailers to the community have already gone out and more are planned to be sent to the surrounding community, such as a calendar of cultural events including information about the art gallery and planetarium, theater, athletic programs, and music programs. "This is the way for the community to know,

'Hey! There's a symphony orchestra! I can go to Valley College and don't have to go downtown to the Music Center,'" Wieder said.

Wieder has several projects on-line for the Spring semester for facility improvements. Some of these will include upgrading the band room for better acoustics, drawing up specifications for a new telephone system, upgrading the cafeteria and installing new computers and instructional equipment.

"We unfortunately have more See PLANS Page 2



Monarchs vs. Bulldogs in action at the No Fear Bowl.

Carola Danielsson/Valley Star

## Monarchs Are Crowned Champions

■ No Fear Bowl Champions ■ Western State Conference Southern Division Champions  
■ Ranked No. 2 in the State ■ Ranked No. 3 in the USA ■ All-Time Records Set

See Sports Page 4

## NEW INDIAN CLUB PLANS POW WOW

By KELLI MORGAN  
STAR REPORTER

Several Valley College students have formed a new student organization called the American Indian Student Association.

AISA began forming late in the Fall '96 semester and is awaiting approval from the Inter-Club Council.

The club will officially begin regular meetings early in the Spring semester.

Jacqueline Blanchard, the Inter-Club Council Representative for AISA, said letters were sent to each of the 120 American Indian students registered at Valley College during the Fall semester to spark interest in AISA.

The elected officials for the new club are: George Patton, President; Lisa Drabinsky, Vice President; Sabrina Chacon, Secretary; and Elisa Farr, Treasurer.

Plans have already been discussed for several events and fundraisers, including a Pow Wow with authentic Native American food, dancing and crafts.

All Valley College students are invited to join the group and attend meetings.

AISA currently is planning to meet every Thursday from 12-1 p.m., until further notice, in the Foreign Language Building Room 104.

For more information, visit the Student Services office located in Room 100 of the Campus Center or call (818) 781-1200 ext. 243.



## Violent Windstorm Whips Through College Campus

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Valley student Kelley McBride was leaving his nursing class when he unknowingly crossed blown-down police tape to retrieve his Volkswagen.

Instantly, Fire Department workers came running and yelling as he headed toward his car. Unknown to McBride, live power cables lay directly on and around his vehicle and he was in immediate danger of electrocution. McBride was stopped in time and directed to safety.

Live power cables and tree branches also lay across Valley student Ofresina Sabrera's Chevy Blazer parked on Burbank Boulevard.

"I don't have a parking permit yet, so I parked on the street," Sabrera said. "I don't know what to do now, I don't have a way home."

Because of continuing high winds and the great number of emergency calls to DWP, students could not retrieve their vehicles for two and a half days.

At a student's request, LAVC Head Gardener Jack Epling had limbs cut away from around the trapped cars Jan. 8 in efforts to lessen city delays.

College President Tyree Wieder did not close the campus during the power outage Jan. 6 and student registration continued by flashlight in the Administration building until 4:30 p.m.

Some faculty, getting a head-

start on the campus for the new semester when the power outage occurred, continued working in ghostly-dark classrooms with emergency flashlights pointed on their desks.

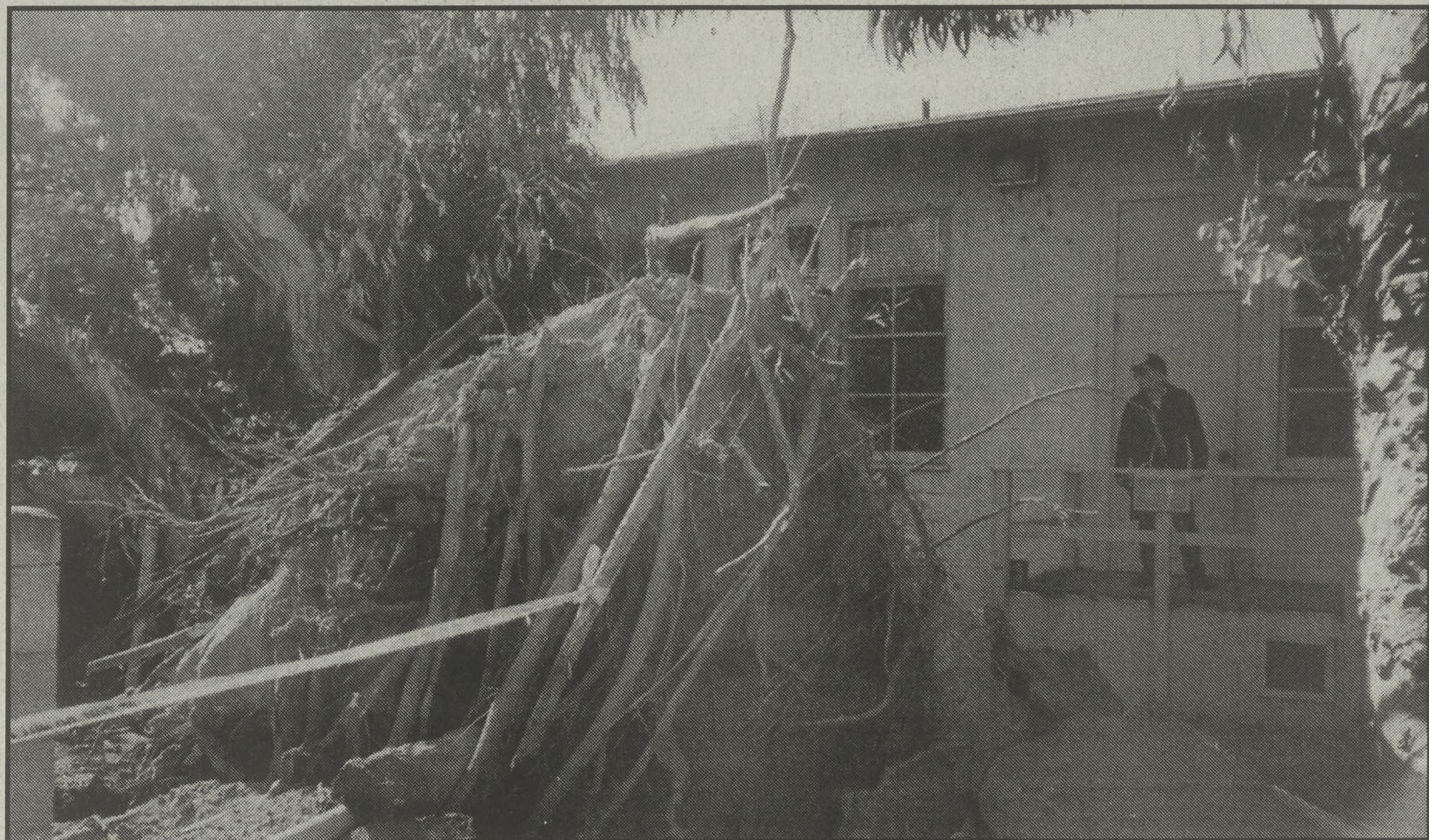
Repairs, painting, computer wiring and other campus operations were halted because of the power outage which stole a full day in the race to prepare the campus for the Spring semester.

Power was restored Jan. 6 at approximately 9 p.m. College telephone communications were not returned to normal until Jan. 9.

Decades before Valley College existed, farmers planted eucalyptus trees on the property beginning in the 1890's as, ironically, windbreakers. The granddad tree in Lot H was one of the oldest and largest that remained of the original trees and possibly the oldest on campus. Campus officials said the trunk had a circumference of more than 40 feet. Prior to the windstorm, there was no noticeable instability to the tree, police said.

City services finished cutting away tree limbs from Burbank Boulevard Jan. 10. Valley College, however, is responsible to have the remaining portion of the tree removed from college property.

The removal of the tree will take approximately five days and has been scheduled to begin today, Valley College Vice President Mary Ann Breckell said.



Near hurricane-force winds uprooted and felled the huge eucalyptus tree in Lot H, just missing Bungalow No. 1. Campus officials said the trunk circumference was more than 40 feet. The giant tree is estimated at over 100 years old.

Valley Student Ofresina Sabrera found her vehicle draped with live power lines and tree branches after leaving class shortly after the tree fell. She could not retrieve her trapped car for two and a half days.



Photos by Linda Thomas/Valley Star

## Plans for Semester

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areas that we need to work on than we have time, and some areas we can't work on when the students are here, so we can only do it during the weeks of the winter break or one week of the Spring semester," Wieder explained.

A new library automation project should be finished this semester, Wieder said. The new system would be similar to that used in the public library where the books are marked with bar codes used for checking out and returning books. Rather than looking through the catalog file, all the books in the library will be registered on a computer.

"I am extremely proud to be the president of this campus. I think it is a campus that has exceptional faculty, students who really care about what they are doing and work really hard to come here. All of us working here know that and appreciate that. It's a beautiful campus. It is clearly one of the best looking campuses in Southern California, and we are doing our best to maintain it keeping it looking good," Wieder said.

As Vice President of Academic Affairs, Carleo has the overall responsibility for the instructional program, which means she works

with the deans, department chairs and all of the faculty developing curriculum.

"I also chair the technology task force at the college, which is focusing on enhancing and improving what we have in the way of technology for students and faculty," Carleo said. "We are looking at access to the Internet, faculty training and more labs for students."

Carleo is working to establish an open lab where students can go anytime to do work for any course. She also plans to develop a lab where students will be able to access the Internet.

Another development new for this semester is the opening of an Employment Development Department out-station which is an expansion of the Job Placement Office services located in the JTPA bungalow. Carleo plans to hold an open house in early February. An advantage to having an EDD station on campus is that it will give Valley College students first priority in employment development.

Also, the computer lab in Room 105 of the Business Journalism building was upgraded over the winter break. New computer desks were installed and rewiring was done, strengthening the infrastructure of the computers so they should operate much more

smoothly in the Spring, Carleo said.

In the area of curriculum, Carleo plans to do a lot of revising of courses. As required by the state, Carleo will work with faculty to review all curriculum for prerequisites by next year.

Several new courses are being offered this semester, Carleo said, including Computer Science 840, Computer Science 850, Computer Science 884, Math 112, Learning Skills 4 and Economics 10.

As Vice President of Administration, Breckell oversees all support services for both student services and academic affairs, such as campus police, the book store, cafeteria, plant facilities, the business office, payroll, personnel, athletics, maintenance and repairs.

"Our main project is just to keep up with the level of repair requests that come through here," Breckell said. "We probably average 100 a week, maybe more than that."

There are 15-18 craftsmen working from Plant facilities that do the work in addition to regular maintenance and other projects.

"It's hard when you have three or four times the number of requests for the money you have," Breckell said.

One major project Breckell plans to begin this semester is to

beginning engineer work for the installation of air-conditioning for two-thirds of the campus. After the planning stages, Wieder said construction should begin this summer.

"We would like to provide a safe environment and a clean environment that is conducive to learning. That's what we're about. All of us are trying to enhance the learning experience here and hope that people will be very happy at Valley and very, very successful," Breckell said.

As Dean of Student Services, Delahoussaye supervises administrators for various student services, including admissions and records, health services, student government, the Child Development Center, student complaints and discipline.

"I represent the students on 16 different committees and then I represent them on the district level as well as the local level on campus," Delahoussaye said.

Delahoussaye has plans for the Internet as well. "Once our students get Internet access, there's a company that has a website with over 180,000 scholarships, and I've talked to them about including Valley College," Delahoussaye said.

One of Delahoussaye's major projects planned for the Spring

semester involves increasing ASU membership. Students may join the ASU for \$7 and the funds are used to serve students.

Delahoussaye plans to work with several Valley College mar-

keting classes to establish discounts with local businesses for ASU members. Business would thus increase their customer base and Valley College ASU members would receive special discounts.

## Barlow is Named Head Coach

By ALLEN COCHRANE  
STAR REPORTER

Monarch Football offensive coordinator Gary Barlow has been promoted to head coach of the football program replacing former Head Coach Jim Fenwick.

Fenwick left recently to become head coach at Cal State Northridge.

Barlow assumes the task of managing a program already ranked third in the nation as he prepares the team for the 1997 season and brings a wealth of experience to the position, having been both the line coach for Valley from 1992 to 1993 and the offensive coordinator from 1993 to 1996.

Barlow's credentials are most impressive when assessing the seasons during his tenure. Valley Monarchs have had a 45-9 record over the past five years, and during the last two seasons the team has averaged better than 45 points a game, the best in school history. The team has participated in post-season play dur-

ing the last four years and has been Western State Conference division champions the last two.

With Barlow as offensive coordinator, the Monarchs became known for putting big numbers on the board. In the 1996 season a high mark of 80 points was achieved in one game, with kicker Matt Kohl connecting on 11 extra points, a national record. Quarterback Jim Arellanes set a record in 1994 when he passed for 644 yards against Bakersfield.

"The off-season strength and conditioning programs are important to our success," Barlow says. "I'm glad to play an integral role in it this Spring."

Barlow is an alumnae of University of the Pacific and was an All Big-West lineman in both 1988 and 1989. He graduated with a degree in sports management and played professionally with both the New York Giants of the NFL and the Barcelona Dragons of the World Football League.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## STAR WARS: Return of the '70s

By LEO SMITH  
STAR REPORTER

Think back, if you can, to the summer circa 1977. Led Zeppelin has left town and the Who aren't due for a few more weeks. So, you grab your girl, your guy, your friends, whatever, and go catch a movie.

It's a little film you heard someone mention off hand. Something about good guys and bad guys, a boy and a princess. You take your seat with your soda and popcorn, along with a theater full of kids just like you, and watch.

I am talking about Star Wars: The Special Edition, a retooling of that cinematic tour de force by George Lucas, the single gleaming achievement of an otherwise abysmal decade.

Twenty years later, that same audience has grown up. But, many still remember with fondness and a profound sense of nostalgia that theatrical experience of summers past.

Like most fond memories, we wish to relive them and share them. Unlike most memories, this one is coming back.

Star Wars, the movie that defined the pop personality of an entire generation, is being re-

released on Jan. 31st to an audience that has waited twenty years to see it on the big screen again.

More than just a colorized rendition of a classic or a remake of a previous film, The Special Edition is a retooling of the imperfect original, according to George Lucas himself.

The two-decade old film stock has been enhanced to look fresh and nubile for the nineties, not unlike the videos released last year.

Effects that were state-of-the-art in the seventies have been digitally remastered for the more technically savvy audience of today and are seamlessly integrated with the original footage.

These scenes include such improvements as bigger explosions and more fluid-moving spaceships.

Scenes that were dropped from the original cut of the film have also been included to add something new and exciting for old fans to enjoy.

These truly stunning additions occur almost entirely on Tatooine, the desert planet. We are treated not just to the Cantina at Mos Eisley spaceport, but the spaceport itself, a view not available in the first film.

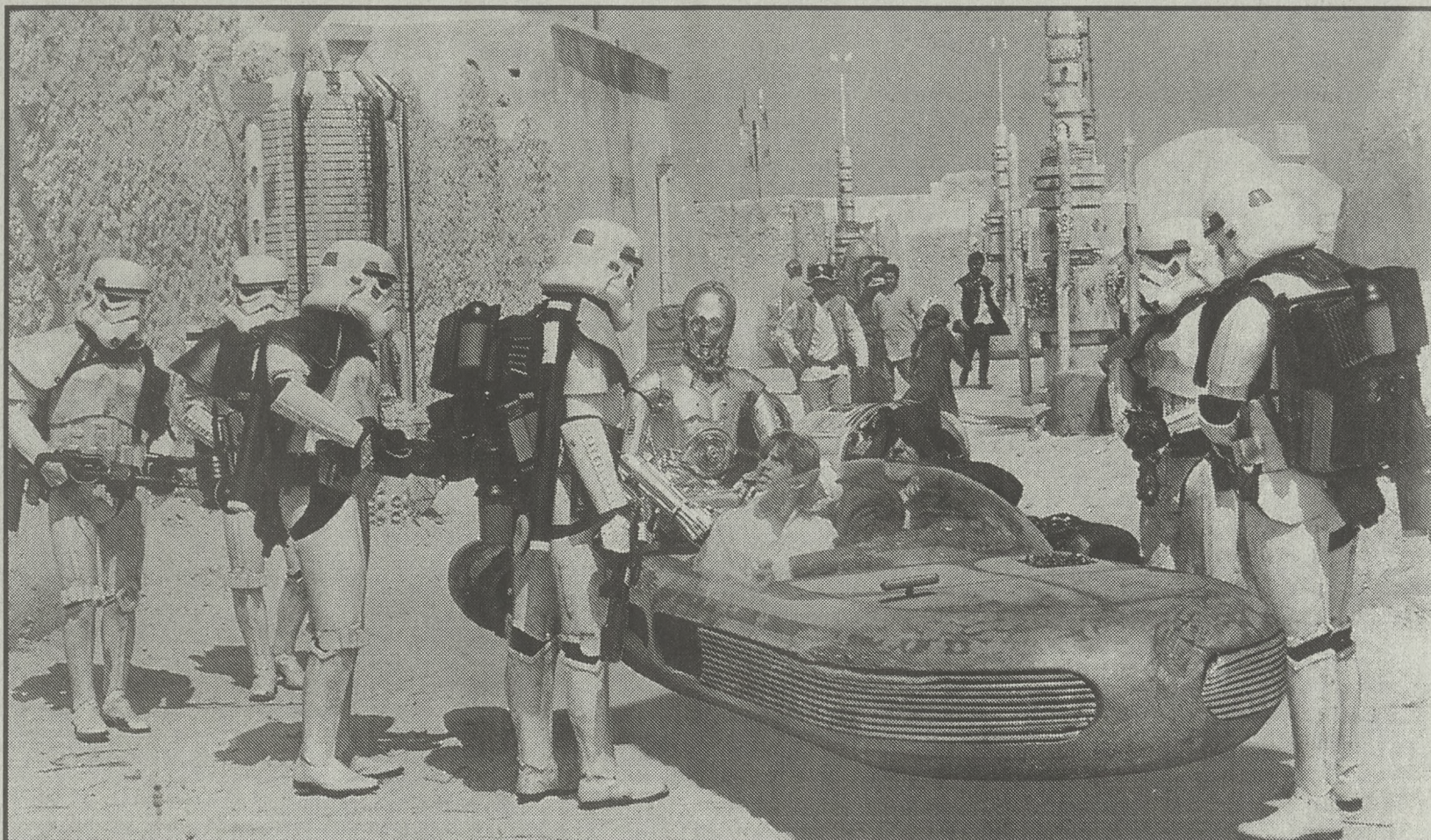


Photo courtesy 20th Century-Fox

Moviegoers who see the new Star Wars: The Special Edition will be treated to new sights in old scenes like this one.

We are taken on a tour of a town that does not, nor ever did, exist anywhere other than on a harddrive. It is more than enough to make your jaw drop. No detail is spared on the city or the inhabitants and it is a sheer joy to behold.

Another scene cut from the original was also added, the confrontation between Jabba the Hutt and Han Solo. This is an utterly amazing sequence for Jabba, an eight-foot long slug static, who actually walks.

Plus, someone special makes

a silent appearance in this scene, one worth the price of admission alone. Sorry, mum's the word.

Some fans of the original may see this re-release as being akin to blasphemy. The argument is, "Why mess with perfection?"

However, it must be remembered

that George Lucas was unhappy with the original. Frankly, if Lucas wants changes to be made, he has every constitutionally inalienable right to do so.

Call it artistic license, call it greedy capitalism, but above all, call it excellent.



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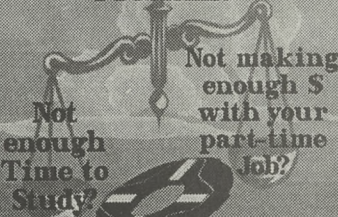


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## Monarchs Show No Fear and Conquer Bulldogs

By BEN ALTER  
STAR REPORTER

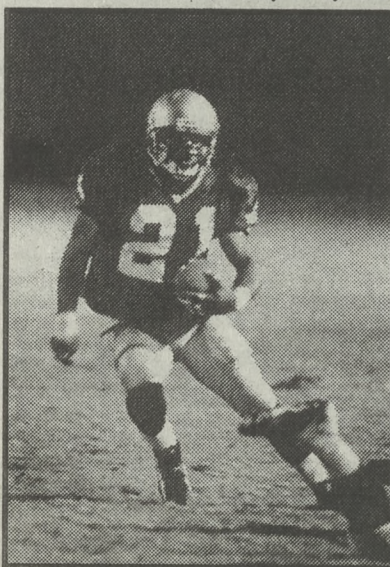
It was a battle of the immovable object versus the irresistible force as the Monarch's top-ranked offense pummeled Allan Hancock College's top-ranked defense with a 37-25 win in the 1996 NO FEAR Bowl on December 8th.

The first quarter ended in a 7-7 tie. The Monarchs scored on a two-yard pass from quarterback Dave Lins to receiver Greg Petty.

Hancock ended a strong defensive struggle in the second quarter on top 10-7.

In the third quarter, the tide changed. The Monarchs, known for their offense, showed up with a defense that shocked the Hancock Bulldogs.

Maria Ivey/Valley Star



Marcus Harvey, Western State Conference Player of the Year

Running back Marcus Harvey left the game with an elbow injury in the third quarter and was replaced by Johnnie Brown.

Defensive end Jerry Melikyan read a screenplay, picked off a pass and returned it to the Hancock four-yard line. This set up a four-yard touchdown run by Johnnie Brown in the middle of the third quarter.

Defensive tackle Edgar Nava recovered a fumble and returned it to the Hancock seven-yard line with a minute and 34 seconds left in the third quarter.

That drive ended a minute later when Lins completed a three-yard pass to wide receiver Leaford Hackett.

Freshman defensive back Ryan

Block made two interceptions resulting in a touchdown and a field goal in the fourth quarter.

"The hype was about our offense. We wanted to prove that we also have the best defense," Block said after the game.

"They showed a lot of spirit," Head Coach Jim Fenwick said. "I have to give the Bulldogs a lot of credit, they played a tough game, but our defense hung on at the end and prevailed."

This was Head Coach Jim Fenwick's 50th win bringing his record to 50-13-1.

"The numbers don't mean anything to me," Fenwick said. "I'm just happy for these guys. The way they stepped up proves they're all winners."



Carola Danielsson/Valley Star

The Bulldogs tried to push their way through the Valley College defense, but the Monarchs ruled.

## For the Record: Football Squad Makes All-Time History

By BEN ALTER  
STAR REPORTER

The 1996 Monarch football season ended with several players putting their names in the record books.

The first and probably most impressive is running back Marcus Harvey. Harvey made five entries in the record books. He became the Monarchs' leading ground-gainer with 2,262 yards and leading all-time all pur-

pose Rusher with 3,410 yards - the first Monarch rusher ever to exceed 3,000 yards.

Harvey became the leading point scorer with 230 points, the first player in school history to exceed 200 points. He also had a 90-yard run, the longest run ever from the line of scrimmage.

On top of all that, Harvey ranked number eight on the all-time total offense list.

Quarterback Dave Lins joined Harvey on the all-time total of-

fense list at number six. Lins is Valley College's second most successful quarterback, completing 64.4% of his passes.

Wide receiver Eric Ruhle became the school's third most successful receiver with 92 receptions.

Ruhle entered the all-time all-purpose rushing list at number five with 1,815 yards and ranked eighth on the all-time scoring list with 98 points.

Three other receivers entered

the most successful receptions list. Eric Carpenter joined Ruhle as the 13th most successful receiver with 48 receptions. Joey Orlando ranked as 16th with 46 catches and Leaford Hackett was 23rd with 32 catches.

Kicker Matt Kohl not only put his name in the Monarch history books, he also set state and national records.

Kohl scored 132 points over the last two years, making him the fifth highest all-around scorer

and the most successful kicker in Monarch history.

In addition to these individual achievements, there was still room to put the entire squad in Monarch history with 501 points. They also became the third leading pass offense with 3,257 yards and the fifth leading total offensive unit, averaging 441.4 yards per game.

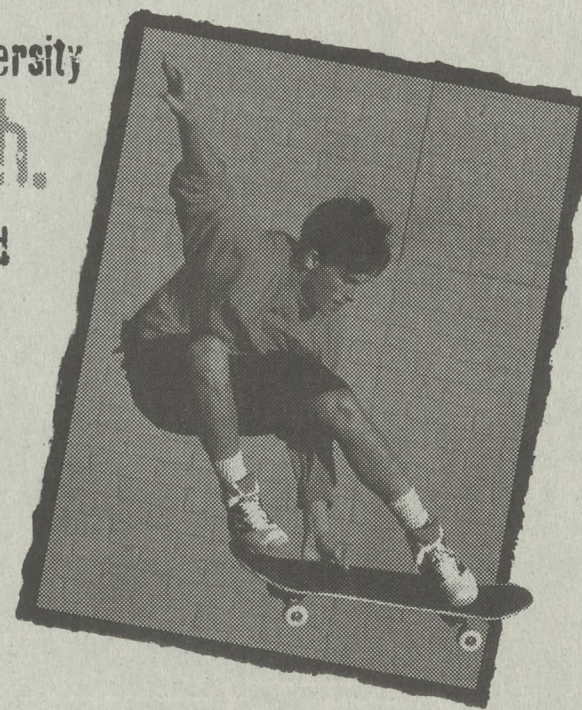
With the exception of Hackett, these players will not be returning to the Valley College team.

### LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE "VALLEY PRIDE" FOOTBALL TEAM AWARDS

#### MONARCH AWARD ANTHONY PATRICIO

Offensive "Slammer" Player of the Year	Kenny Nelson
Defensive "Kodak" Player of the Year	William Champion
Outstanding Offensive Lineman	Beau Cherry
Outstanding Wide Receiver	Eric Ruhle
Outstanding Tight End	Willie Perryman
Outstanding Offensive Back	Marcus Harvey
Outstanding Defensive End	Brian Henderson
Outstanding Defensive Tackle	Edgar Nava
Outstanding Inside Linebacker	Jeff Macrea
Outstanding Outside Linebacker	Ron Allen
Outstanding Defensive Back	Henry Bell
Outstanding Special Teams Players	Jose Cortez Matt Kohl
Most Improved Offensive Player	Greg Petty
Most Improved Defensive Player	Courtney Blunt
Most Outstanding Offensive Freshman	Leaford Hackett
Most Outstanding Defensive Freshman	Anthony Vitale
Offensive Player of the Year	David Lins
Defensive Player of the Year	Jerry Melikyan
Jason Leonard Ironman Award	Anthony Patricio Damion Thompson
Triple "A" Award Academics, Attitude and Ability	Joey Orlando
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